

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1) (Currently Amended) A device (1; 100; 200; 300) for protecting the bodywork (E) of a motor vehicle (A₁; A₂; A₃; A₄), comprising:

— at least a flexible laminar element (2; 3; 101; 201; 301; 302), able to be laid out to cover at least a portion of said motor vehicle (A₁; A₂; A₃; A₄);

— at least a mainly longitudinal developed substantially longitudinally extending housing structure (4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500), able to contain said laminar element (2; 3; 101; 201; 301; 302) when it is in an inoperative conditions, in said housing structure, provided with:

— connection means (5; 103; 203) to said motor vehicle (A₁; A₂; A₃; A₄); and

— at least a longitudinal slot (9) for the passage of said laminar element (2; 3; 101; 201; 301; 302) from the interior to the outside of said housing structure (4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500), and vice versa;

— handling means (6), coupled with said laminar element (2; 3; 101; 201; 301; 302) and available to the a user, to extract said laminar element (2; 3; 101; 201; 301; 302) from said housing structure (4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500) and to dispose it to cover at least a portion of said motor vehicle (A₁; A₂; A₃; A₄);

— hooking means (7), coupled with said handling means (6), able to connect said laid out laminar element (2; 3; 101; 201; 301; 302) to said motor vehicle (A₁; A₂; A₃; A₄), and

— characterized in that it comprises cleaning means (25), coupled with said housing structure (4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500) at said longitudinal slot (9), able to clean remove the impurities from said laminar element (2; 3; 101; 201; 301; 302) during its movement.

2) (Currently Amended) The device (1; 100; 200; 300) according to claim 1), wherein characterized in that said cleaning means (25) are applied to a support bar (26) connected to the an inner surface (4e) of said housing structure (4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500) through joining means.

3) (Currently Amended) The device (1; 100; 200; 300) according to claim 1), wherein characterized in that said cleaning means (25) consist of includes a strip of woven

wires (27), soaked with silicone to minimize light passage, to resist temperature variations and to make it waterproof.

4) (Currently Amended) The device (1; 100; 200; 300) according to claim 1), wherein characterized in that said housing structure (4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500) consists of includes a shell (8) having a cross sectional profile of essentially elliptic shape, to avoid dust or impurities of other kind to from depositing on the outer surface (4a; 102a; 202a) of said housing structure (4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500).

5) (Currently Amended) The device (1; 100; 200; 300) according to claim 4), wherein characterized in that said shell (8) is composed by of two half-shells (81, 82) disposed side by side at the longitudinal symmetry axis (Z) of said housing structure (4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500).

6) (Currently Amended) The device (1; 100; 200; 300) according to claim 5), wherein characterized in that said laminar element (2, 3; 101; 201; 301, 302) has an end fixed to a support element (10, 11; 304), disposed in said housing structure (4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500), which is developed according to extends along the longitudinal symmetry axis (Z) of said housing structure (4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500) for a length substantially equal to the length of said longitudinal slot (9).

7) (Currently Amended) The device (1; 100; 200) according to claim 6), wherein characterized in that said support element (10, 11) consists of includes a winding cylinder (12, 13) around which said laminar element (2, 3; 101; 201; 301, 302) is wound/unwound.

8) (Currently Amended) The device (300) according to claim 6), wherein characterized in that said support element (304) consists of includes the inner surface (303e) of said housing structure (303).

9) (Currently Amended) The device (1; 100; 200) according to claim 7), wherein characterized in that said laminar element (2, 3; 101; 201) consists of includes a roll-up cloth (14, 15).

10) (Currently Amended) The device ~~(300)~~—according to claim 8}, wherein characterized in that said laminar element (301, 302) consists of includes a pliant cloth having (305, 306) according to a bellows configuration.

11) (Currently Amended) The device ~~(1; 100; 200; 300)~~—according to claim 7}, further comprising characterized in that it comprises elastic means ~~(16)~~—disposed in said housing structure ~~(4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500)~~, able to maintain in tension said laminar element ~~(2, 3; 101; 201; 301, 302)~~.

12) (Currently Amended) The device ~~(1; 100; 200; 300)~~—according to claim 11}, wherein characterized in that said elastic means (16) are placed at least at an end (4b) of said housing structure ~~(4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500)~~.

13) (Currently Amended) The device ~~(1; 100; 200; 300)~~—according to claim 1}, wherein characterized in that said housing structure (4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500) is provided with a pair of shaped brackets (17; 108), each of them said shaped brackets being laterally coupled with said housing structure (4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500) through joining means (109).

14) (Currently Amended) The device ~~(1; 100; 200; 300)~~—according to claim 13}, wherein characterized in that each of said shaped brackets (17) is externally provided with a cap (18, 19).

15) (Currently Amended) The device ~~(1; 300)~~—according to claim 4}, wherein characterized in that said connection means (5) comprise at least a magnet (20, 21), coupled with a the roof (T_1) or with the a front bumper (U_a) and/or the a rear bumper (U_p) of said motor vehicle (A_1-A_4) and joined through first fixing means (22) to said outer surface (4a) of said housing structure (4; 303; 500).

16) (Currently Amended) The device ~~(100)~~—according to claim 4}, wherein characterized in that said connection means (103) comprise at least a flexible belt (104, 105), coupled with said housing structure (102; 400) and joined in a stable but removable way to the an upper post (M_2) of the a door (P_2), to a hood the bonnet (F) or to a trunk the boot (B) of said motor vehicle (A_2), and at least a bearing pad (106, 107), coupled with the

a roof-(T_2), with the hoodbonnet-(F) or with the trunkboot-(B) of said motor vehicle-(A₂), upon which said outer surface (102a) of said housing structure (102; 400) is disposed.

17) (Currently Amended) The device (200) according to claim 4), wherein characterized in that said connection means (203) comprise at least a hollow body-(204), connected through second fixing means to said outer surface (202a) of said housing structure (202) to define at least a space (205) in which at least a shaped bar-(206), provided with at least an end (206a) rigidly fixed to the vertical post (M₃) of said motor vehicle-(A₃), is inserted.

18) (Currently Amended) The device (1; 100; 200; 300) according to claim 1), wherein characterized in that said handling means (6) consist of includes a tubular element (28; 30), applied to the a free end (2a) of said laminar element (2; 3; 101; 201; 301; 302) and internally provided with an elastic wire (29; 31) to whose ends (29a, 29b) said hooking means (7) are applied.

19) (Currently Amended) The device (1; 100; 200; 300) according to claim 1), wherein characterized in that said hooking means (7) consist of includes hooks (32; 33) able to be joined with said bodywork (€) of said motor vehicle-(A₁; A₂; A₃; A₄).

20) (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 1), wherein characterized in that said hooking means consist of includes magnetic elements able to be positioned on said bodywork of said motor vehicle.

21) (Currently Amended) The device (200; 300) according to claim 1), further comprising characterized in that it comprises a heating system of said laminar element (201; 301; 302), coupled with feeding means and able to prevent ice formation on said laminar element-(201; 301; 302).

22) (Currently Amended) The device (200; 300) according to claim 1), wherein characterized in that said flexible laminar element (201; 301; 302) is made of insulating material, able to resist low temperatures during the cold season.

23) (Currently Amended) The device ~~{1; 100}~~—according to claim 1}, wherein characterized in that said flexible laminar element ~~(2, 3; 101)~~ is made of a material able to resist high temperatures during the hot season.

24) (Currently Amended) A device ~~{1; 100; 200; 300}~~—for protecting the bodywork ~~(€)~~ of a motor vehicle ~~(A₁; A₂; A₃; A₄)~~, comprising:

—~~at least a flexible laminar element (2, 3; 101; 201; 301, 302)~~, able to be laid out to cover at least a portion of said motor vehicle ~~(A₁; A₂; A₃; A₄)~~;

—~~at least a substantially longitudinally extending mainly longitudinal developed housing structure (4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500)~~, able to contain said laminar element ~~(2, 3; 101; 201; 301, 302)~~ when it is in an inoperative conditions in said housing structure, provided with:

—~~connection means (5; 103; 203)~~ to said motor vehicle ~~(A₁; A₂; A₃; A₄)~~; and

—~~at least a longitudinal slot (9)~~ for the passage of said laminar element ~~(2, 3; 101; 201; 301, 302)~~ from the interior to the outside of said housing structure ~~(4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500)~~, and vice versa;

—~~handling means (6)~~, coupled with said laminar element ~~(2, 3; 101; 201; 301, 302)~~—and available to the a user, to extract said laminar element ~~(2, 3; 101; 201; 301, 302)~~ from said housing structure ~~(4; 102; 202; 303; 400; 500)~~ and to dispose it to cover at least a portion of said motor vehicle ~~(A₁; A₂; A₃; A₄)~~;

—~~hooking means (7)~~, coupled with said handling means ~~(6)~~, able to connect said laid out laminar element ~~(2, 3; 101; 201; 301, 302)~~ to said motor vehicle ~~(A₁; A₂; A₃; A₄)~~, and

characterized in that said laminar element is being an advertising support.